



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : Nils BRUNNER *et al.*
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WITHOUT INCREASING THE RISK OF BREAST CANCER
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Letter Regarding Substance of the Interview

Sir:

Further to a telephonic interview conducted on April 19, 2005, Applicants submit the following "Substance of the Interview," summarizing the telephonic interview conducted between Stanislaus Aksman, Robert C. Lampe III (hereinafter "Applicants' representatives") and Examiner Sabiha Qazi. Applicants appreciate the courtesy of the telephonic interview extended to their representatives. The following issues were discussed at the interview:

I. The Examiner and Applicants' representatives discussed non-entry of the proposed amendments filed after a final rejection. The Examiner indicated that the proposed after-final claim amendments alter the scope of the claims and would require a new search. The Examiner elaborated that the original search conducted prior to the filing of the proposed after-final claim amendments likely did not focus on the limitations of the dependent claims because the Examiner only needed to find prior art defeating patentability of independent claim 28. Applicants' representatives indicated that the

elements of the proposed after-final claim amendments were previously present in the claims. Applicants' representatives submitted to the Examiner that the original search of the broadest claim(s) would necessarily have encompassed the narrower, dependent claims, and therefore the proposed after-final claim amendments did not necessitate a new search.

It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this filing. However, in the event that any fees are necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

Respectfully submitted,

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